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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - TRAVEL OF SMITHSONIAN

ANTHROPOLOGIST E. RICHARD SORENSON

1. DR. E. RICHARD SORENSON, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL FILM CENTER, IS TRAVELING OFFICIALLY TO NEPAL, AND INDIA, TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH FILM STUDIES OF VANISHING AND CHANGING CULTURES AND TO AFGHANISTAN TO COORDINATE A FILMING PROJECT ON THE PASHTOON NOMADS.
2. NEPAL MARCH 8-15. SORENSON WILL CONFER WITH VICE CHANCELLOR BANGDEL ON THE FEASIBILITY COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH
3. INDIA MARCH 15-27. SORENSON WILL CONFER WITH DR. SINHA,  
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DIRECTOR, ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA AND PROFESSOR

SINGH, CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, DELHI  
UNIVERSITY ON THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF VISUAL  
ANTHROPOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES IN INDIA.

4. AFGHANISTAN MARCH 27 - APRIL 1. SORENSON WILL CONSULT  
WITH ASEN BALIKCI FIELD DIRECTOR OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S  
PROJECT TO MAKE A FILM RECORD OF THE PASHTOON PEOPLE OF  
AFGHANISTAN. THE PROJECT HAS GOA APPROVAL.

5. SORENSON HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL VISAS FOR INDIA, NEPAL,  
AND AFGHANISTAN.

6. SORENSON WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO BURMA MARCH 2-8 AS A  
TOURIST. HE HAS RECEIVED A TOURIST VISA ON HIS REGULAR  
PASSPORT. ALTHOUGH NOT ON OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT IN BURMA,  
SORENSON MIGHT CALL ON THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE  
FOR RESEARCH IN BURMA.

7. SORENSON MAY REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY.  
SMI WILL APPRECIATE ANY SERVICES EXTENDED TO SORENSON  
WHICH THE EMBASSIES MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE. INGERSOLL

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